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Dear parents and carers

The staff in the Philosophy & Ethics department would like to thank you for all the support you have provided across Year 9 ensuring that your young person worked to the best of their ability in their first GCSE Mock Exam in Religious Studies in the recent summer term.

In preparation for their real GCSE exams taking place this coming May (2023) at the end of Year 10, students will have another Mock Exam on **Wednesday 16 November**.

This will allow us to see how much they have progressed since the last mock exam. Students will be tested on the information they learnt across Year 9 so it is important that they continue to practice and consolidate their learning with additional revision right up until the mock exam and then continuing until the final exams take place in May 2023.

*Your on-going support at home is much appreciated and will certainly put your young person in good stead!*

Here on our website are some [valuable resources that we have sent students for their revision](#), in case you are also wanting to work with them at home. A good place for them to start is with the Revision Planner to help them manage the amount of time to be spent on revision so that they have enough time to revise all topics. There's also a motivational poster that you could print to stick on the fridge, or bedroom door, to help keep the momentum up!

Direct links to websites that can be used are:

- 1) [Oak Academy: Christian Practices](#)
- 2) [BBC Bitesize: Religious Studies GCSE Edexcel](#)
- 3) [GCSEPod](#) : Log in details are the student's school email address and password and then once logged in, assignments have been set to help with revision. This has several podcasts that cover key revision points taken straight from exam specifications. They can listen to these on any mobile device anywhere, as long as there is an internet connection. The points highlighted by the podcasts back up what they learnt in class. The following link provides an online student guide [GCSEPod Student Site Tour - YouTube](#) For independent work, the Check and Challenge sections for each topic provide you with questions you can use to test your knowledge.
- 4) [Get Revising](#) to create a work/revision timetable and create revision materials. There are also free resources that students have found help in all aspects of work.
- 5) [More Religious Studies Edexcel practice exam questions and mark schemes](#)

We will be awarding students credits, Ad Astra Awards, Reward Scratch Cards, praise phone calls home and other prizes for those who perform best in each class so there's lots to do well for!

We have asked students to speak to their teacher or myself if they have any questions or need support. Please also feel free to contact us if you need.

It is such a great opportunity that students have to only focus on and complete one GCSE in Year 10 as compared to when they are in Year 11 and have to focus on so many.

Once again, thank you for all you are doing, we really appreciate it.

Best wishes

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